

**CITY OF DEXTER  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 14, 2021**

The regular meeting of the City of Dexter Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:59pm at 3515 Broad St. and via the Zoom Meetings platform.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present:

Becky Murillo – Present remotely in the City of Dexter, Michigan

Jamie Griffin – Present

Anne Marques – Present

Melissa Messer - Present

Ron Miller – Present

Joanne Wagner – Present

Commissioners Absent:

Toni Henkemeyer

Jake Young

Student Representatives Present:

Caitlyn Donnelly – Present

Will O'Haver (Arr. At 7:11pm)

Student Representatives Absent: Butrum

Others Present: Justin Breyer, City Manager and City Clerk

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Motion by Griffin; seconded by Miller to approve the minutes from November 16, 2021 as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Murillo; seconded by Marques to approve the agenda as presented.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

**CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

None

## **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

### **A. CHAIR**

Becky Murillo reported that HWPI is restructuring, and she may not be a board member anymore.

### **B. COMMISSIONERS AND EX-OFFICIO**

City Council – None

Art Selection Committee – None

Student Representatives – None

### **C. STAFF REPORT**

Justin Breyer submitted his report per the packet, and provided an update of the following items:

- Discussion about 8180 Main St. pedestrian bridge and pedestrian/trail access across Mill Creek.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. DISCUSSION OF: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN ITEMS**

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Capital Improvements Plan (CIP):

- Item 2.02
  - Evaluate handrails Monument Park Gazebo handrails.
  - Bathrooms in Mill Creek Park versus Monument Park.
- Item 2.03
  - Discussed demand and priority for the Mill Creek Trail Section 3.
- Item 2.04
  - Update with current project, identify road project in Description
  - “Redesign/Redevelopment Plan”
- Swap 2.06 with 2.05
- Improvement of Community Park Sign is priority for the upcoming fiscal year

### **B. DISCUSSION OF: MILL CREEK PARK PLAYGROUND PROPOSAL**

The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the following related to the Mill Creek Park Playground Proposal:

- Integration of playground equipment with natural features of Mill Creek Park
- Ping Pong Table
- Accessibility
- Involve the City Council, Planning Commission, DDA, Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee, Library Board, and Farmers Market Manager
- Pitch the following questions to the other boards/committees:
  - How do we enhance active recreation and play in this park?
  - How do we make this park a centerpiece?
  - How do we integrate the other points of interest in the area (Farmers Market, B2B, downtown, Trail)?
  - How do we make this area accessible?
  - What challenges do you currently see or experience with the park?

- How would you like to see the park used, and what are the barriers?
- With potential improvements to the park, do you foresee any unintended consequences or are there anything that would like to make sure that anything is protected or preserved?
- Think big
- Farmers Market, Library, DDA, City Council, ACH, Planning Commission

Motion by Becky Murillo, second by Wagner to forward the above questions to the various boards, committees, and representatives, and invite two representatives from each board and committee to attend the February Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Ayes: Murillo, Griffin, Marques, Messer, Miller, and Wagner

Nays:

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **PARKS AND TREES MAINTENANCE REQUESTS**

None

### **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION**

None

### **PROPOSED BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

- First Street Park
- Mill Creek Park Design

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Murillo, seconded by Griffin adjourn the meeting at 9:43pm.

Unanimous Voice Vote

Motion Adopted

Justin Breyer  
City Manager and City Clerk